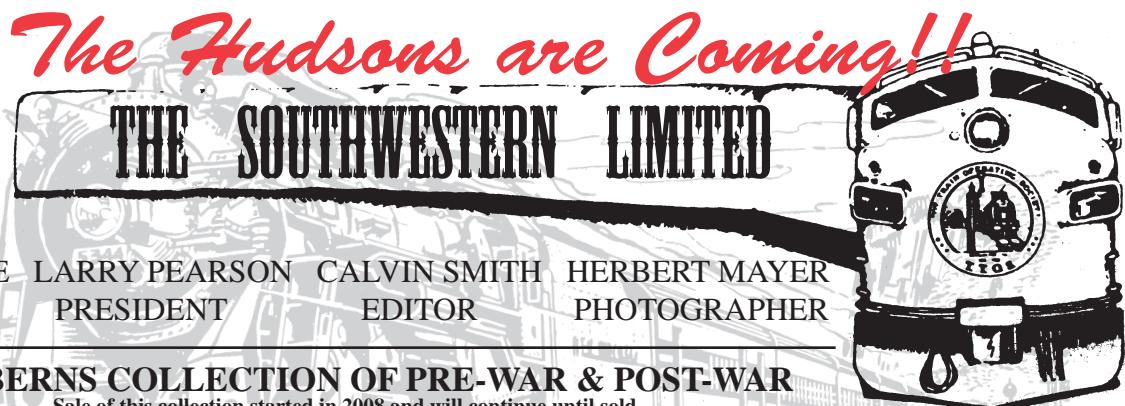


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★ BOB BURNS COLLECTION OF PRE-WAR & POST-WAR

Sale of this collection started in 2008 and will continue until sold.

✓ GIGANTIC COLLECTION: Lionel PRE-WAR POST-WAR & MARX

10X size of Berns collection. Tables & Auction & will continue until sold.

● 3rd COLLECTION: PRE-WAR in AUCTION & TABLES

March Open House & April Meets Busy



A very full trading hall greeted members and guests at the March 2009 Open House Meet



Jerry Blaine with LN Apple Green Diner and a Wow! Display of Trains



Comparison of Lionel #1719 and Ives #1708



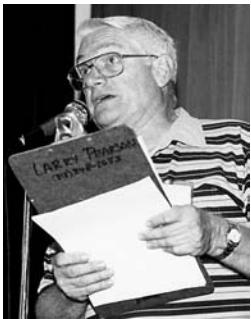
Above: Unusual Lionel Standard Gauge Steam Engine 1770-E

Left: American Flyer Crane with rare red cab vs yellow color



Line Art Hudson courtesy Dave Ott

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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CAL-STEWART 2009

I am happy to report that the Pasadena Convention Center has just completed a \$150 million expansion and that Cal-Stewart 2009 is scheduled to occupy the two new Exhibit Halls, totaling over 53,000 square feet in floor space. This constitutes a 14% growth in floor space over last year's White and Brown hall's combined floor space of 45,810 square feet. The new Exhibit Hall was built on the site of the old Exhibit Hall that we occupied every year until 2007, when it was torn down to build this new facility. The new Hall is at street level, with unloading below street level using the same ramp that we used in the past. Two large freight elevators will bring the sellers and their merchandise up to the trading floor level. The unloading area is much larger than before, and can accommodate seven semi-truck trailers, compared with only two trailers in the old facility. The new, much larger unloading area should eliminate the long wait to unload and load that we experienced with the old facility. We are negotiating to allow sellers and layout clubs with large vans and trailers to leave them in the unloading area over the weekend. The unloading area is all underground, so inclement weather will not be an inconvenience. All this comes with an increase of 37% in rent. We plan to keep registration and table costs the same as for last year. We are trying to negotiate a reduction in rent and we are working on fund raising projects. **Please support our annual Cal-Stewart Lifesaver® Souvenir car fundraiser to help with this.**

Cal-Stewart 2009 kicks off on Friday night November 20th with the John King Memorial Welcoming Party at the Pasadena Masonic Temple. This super successful party continues with a complete buffet dinner featuring salad, Chicken Marsala, Cajun Beef Tri-Tip, a choice of vegetables, dinner rolls, cake, and coffee. This year, children are invited to attend with their parents. The cost is only \$15 per person for **paid** Cal-Stewart registrants, or \$30 per person (our actual cost per person) for non-registrants paying at the door. This year we will have a silent auction at the party as a fundraiser to help offset our costs.

As in the past, the Trading Hall opens for Cal-Stewart registrants only on Saturday November 21st at 9:00am. Saturday daytime auction goes from 1:00 to 5:00pm. The Saturday Night Premium Auction starts at 7:00pm. All auctions will be in the trading hall. Sellers can request that their tables be located near the auction. All layouts will be in the trading hall. The number and size of the layouts will depend on space availability.

The 2009 Ralph Johnson Memorial Special Display will feature Hudson Locomotives. We even plan to have a live steam Hudson from the Los Angeles Live Steamers on display. Call Hollis Cotton at 1-818-781-4910x13 (days) if you wish to participate in the Special Display.

On Sunday, November 22nd, the Trading Hall opens to Cal-Stewart Registrants at 9:00am. The public can buy tickets for admission to the Trading Hall starting at 10:00am. The ticket cost will be \$15 per person or per "family" (husband, wife, & kids). The Sunday Auction goes from 12:00noon to 3pm. The Train Races start at 1:00pm. The Grand Raffle is scheduled for

2:00pm. The Meet ends at 4:00pm.

The registration brochure with more details will be an insert in the July/August issue of *The TTOS Bulletin*. Brochures will also be direct mailed to past attendees and will be posted on the Cal-Stewart website: www.cal-stewart.org. **We need volunteers to help with Registration and Security.** Call me if you can help!

THE STATE OF NATIONAL TTOS – PART FOUR

This is a continuation of a series dealing with TTOS National issues that you will never find out about in the National publications. I have held off on this series to allow National President Brian Fields time to get his house in order, but my patience has run out. Please be advised that the following article is comprised solely of my own thoughts, opinions, and experiences, and does not necessarily convey the beliefs and thoughts of the Southwestern Division of TTOS and its Members and Officers, or the Editor and Publisher of *The Southwestern Limited*.

This article deals with the continuing complaints I get regarding the timeliness of National Membership renewals and processing new Memberships, plus other Membership issues. The Southwestern Division (us) has 400 members and we renew everyone on July 1st of every year. New members are processed immediately and pay pro-rated dues during the course of the year, and they also renew on July 1st. We do it this way because we do not have a paid office worker to handle a continual flow of renewals throughout the year, and processing 400 renewals once a year is not overwhelming.

National TTOS used to have a part-time paid Office Manager who worked a 36 hour week and answered the phone, processed new members immediately, and renewals on a continuous basis on each Member's own individual anniversary date. The Office Manager also handled Souvenir Car Sales, Annual Convention Registrations, bookkeeping and other things as they came up. Focusing only on Memberships, this works out to processing about 17 Memberships per day, based on 4300 National Members. The idea here is to have a smooth, continuous workload without disruptive peaks, and to give quick service to the Membership. Two years ago, the Office Manager position was converted to a full-time salaried position called Executive Director, and Randy Giroux was given the job. In addition to the above duties (except bookkeeping), the Executive Director also oversees the annual National Convention.

One of the first things that Randy did was to change all the member's (new and old) renewal date to the nearest quarter (December 31st, March 31st, June 31st, and September 31st). He says on page 22 of the March/April *TTOS Bulletin* that "it's much easier handling the cards in this manner than on an individual basis". So now his workload went from 17 per day to 1100 every three months! New Memberships still arrive on a continuous basis, but are not processed until the next quarter. I ask you, how is this easier for him or better for TTOS? The process of moving all existing Members up to the nearest quarter resulted in a "gift" of zero, one or two or almost three months free membership dues (or some amount in between) (I got over two months). This may sound like a minor thing, but, doing some math, this maneuver cost TTOS National over \$16,000 in lost dues income! So this is why you may have to wait up to three months to get your check cashed and your membership card. This is for both old and new members. To quote on page 22: "Randy reiterated that the quarterly process has been advertised in the Bulletin, but apparently it doesn't register with everyone." TCA has 30,000 Members and processes its Membership on a continuous basis. So now you all understand why we have such bad service. But there is more.

Last year when we were preparing to do our Cal-Stewart Brochure mailing, we requested an electronic copy of the TTOS National mailing list, as we do every year. Randy decided that he did not want to release the list to us, using the excuse of

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"privacy" and that National could get sued if they released this information to us. Randy then paid hundreds of dollars to their law firm to say, effectively, (in four pages) "don't let them have the membership list unless every National Member gives his/her specific permission to give Southwestern their name and address". In the past, National always released their Membership list to us and no one ever complained, much less sued. TCA continues to release its Membership list to its Divisions. What is the use of belonging to TTOS National if you don't find out about TTOS train events? The result was several weeks of hard work and delay while we did our best to create a mailing list using old data. The result was that many Members of TTOS never got a registration brochure and hundreds of brochures got returned due to out of date addresses. It is interesting to note that Randy's Division, the Southern Pacific Division, has been given a current complete National Membership list. I have seen it! What we are seeing here is a National "control" thing directed solely at Southwestern.

TTOS has not published a Membership Directory since 1999. TCA publishes one every year, and their dues are only \$32 per year, a mere \$2 more than TTOS. TCA doesn't suffer from "privacy paranoia". Maybe that is why TCA has 30,000 Members and TTOS is struggling to stay above 4,000. I use the TCA Directory to find TTOS Members addresses and phone numbers, since many of us belong to both clubs.

When you get your TTOS NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL form, you will note that the form has become highly complex and that there is an area near the bottom in red titled: **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!** For the good of

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TTOS, please check **all** the boxes. Most renewing Members don't check anything, causing Randy to say "see, they don't want their information released". The form has been designed to get this result. The boxes should be used to say that you **do not** want the information to be given out, not that you **do** want the information to be given out. That way, if they forget or don't care to check boxes, the information will be shared. Our Members tend to be untrustworthy of National's intentions (with good reason). Why is this not the case with TCA? Everybody's name, address, phone, e-mail, and what they like to collect is in the annual TCA Directory. Same lawyers, same country, same people. Where is the value for our dues money????

Stay tuned for more.

Larry Pearson, President

Photo below by Phyllis Smith



Formal entrance to the New Exhibit Halls of the Pasadena Convention Center at the Corner of Marengo and Green Street.

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Tables loaded with trains and train related items



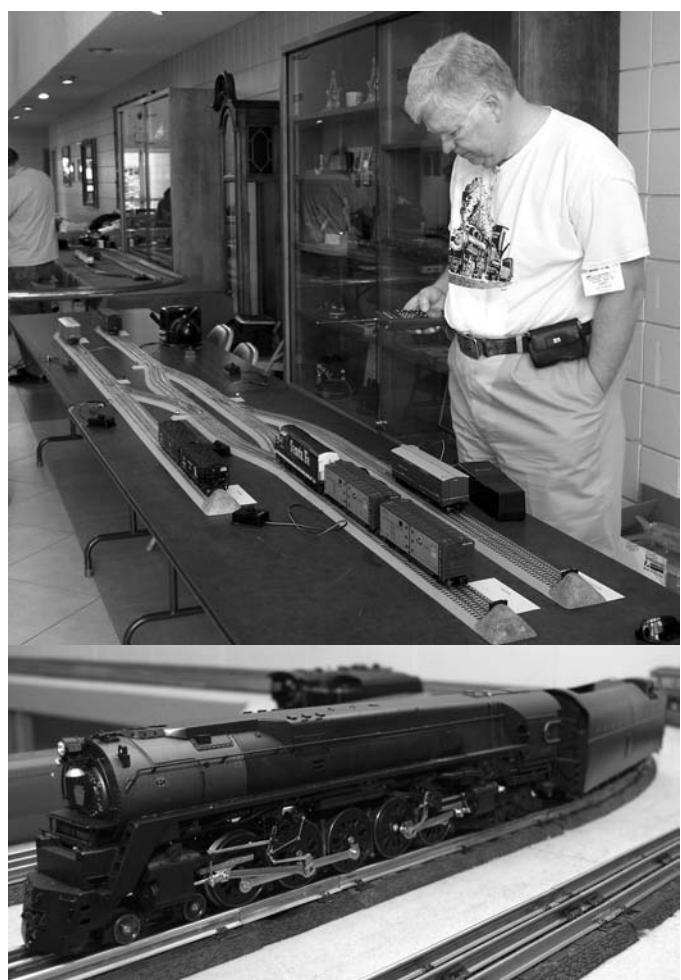
L. David Nissen & Layout; R. Switching Layout; Below, SWD Layout with David Mabee at Command Control.



Below: Marklin Telegraph Poles; crossing gate. R. The “Big Engine” on the SWD layout.



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**Registration Form is on TTOS Website &
with the March-April Bulletin.**

April Meet 2009 — Photos by Herbert Mayer



Upper left: Foreground Pre-War Collection; Back row Cindy & Ed Largey's huge collection of Pre-War, Post-War & Marx; Lower left: Repairs are available at most meets; Upper right: The Berns Collection at every meet until sold; Lower right: the monthly auction in progress.

The advertisement features a stylized illustration of a construction worker carrying a large wooden board over his shoulder, walking through a city skyline. Below the illustration, the company name "SPEER" is written in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath "SPEER", the text "PAUL W. SPEER, INC." is in a larger serif font, followed by "General Contractors" in a smaller serif font. At the bottom of the ad, the address "7141 VALJEAN AVENUE VAN NUYS, CA 91406" is listed, along with the telephone number "(818) 781-4910", facsimile number "(818) 781-8690", and email address "speer@speerconstruction.com".

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SAVE THE DATE Nov. 20-22, 2009
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Top: Beautiful Lionel #217 caboose. Bottom: Martin Folb at his table. Right: Our Monthly Meet Table Sales oftentimes feature unusual items such as Martin Folb's Floodlight Tower with the label on the original box featuring the rare green variation.